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Wednesday, Dec. 6th.—All Recruits.
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spectors Gordon).
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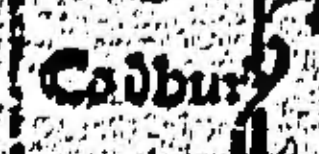
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GERMANY'S LATEST THREAT.

A neutral correspondent, writing from Berlin, records this "barraging threat" conveyed to him by one high in the councils of the German Naval Staff:—

"By the end of this year, or perhaps a little sooner, Germany will have in fighting trim three hundred submarines of the most efficient type. If England then wishes to continue the war (U) a proper blockade will be put into effect, and no vessel carrying food or war materials will be permitted to reach England's shores."

There is a very familiar ring about this sort of thing:—The number 300, as representing the strength of the enemy's U boat fleet, has been cropping up in one place or another for more than a year. The only new thing about the report is that, according to one Swiss newspaper, Hindenburg has stipulated that submarine frigates shall be pushed to its utmost limits.

The most curious thing, however, is that Germany should contemplate the declaration of another "blockade" when one is already understood to be in existence. It cannot have been forgotten that, as from February 18 last year, Germany has been destroying every enemy (i.e., British or Allied) merchant ship leaving the British waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland, including the entire English Channel.

It is true that the Germans did not themselves call this a blockade. In such a blockade as is maintained by the British Fleet we content ourselves with capturing and bringing to court a Prize Court anything suspected to be of enemy origin or destination.

But Germany did not propose to bother herself with any niceties of that sort. Her motto was "Sink at sight" no matter who might be murdered; but although the scheme achieved some notoriety as an "orgy" or "massacre," its failure as a blockade is patent to the world.

It will be well to notice that this latest warning comes only a few days after the German Chancellor is reported to have told the Federal Council that Germany could not turn out submarines with sufficient rapidity to make good losses, and that they could never hope with U-boats effectively to blockade England or to cut off our food supply.

suspiciously conspicuous.

It is the publication of these "confessions" that makes one suspicious. Was Behnemann-Holweg merely trying to tell us to shut up while the preparations for our discomforts go steadily forward? The Germans are a crafty crew, and we shall be well advised always to look with distrust upon neutral "disclosures" (this was Swiss) of what occurs in their secret councils.

There is always just the possibility that flotillas are being built up with the intention of making a last, despairing onslaught upon our shipping. The prospect may even seem to the enemy an alluring one, and even we cannot deny that if 300 submarines managed to torpedo an average of a couple of our merchantmen apiece before going the way of so many of their predecessors, we should for a time be in an uncomfortably tight place.

The crux of the matter is, how many submarines Germany actually possesses? That impossible question can only be answered by answering two others equally impossible, namely, how many has she built, and how many has she lost, since the war began.

Speculations on these points, were popular enough a year ago, but lately they have lost ground—presumably because the speculative element is so wide as to make any calculations valueless. Early in May, the "Scientific American," claiming to speak with the authority of the United States Navy Department, stated that the total number of submarines captured or destroyed by the Allies was 27, which worked out to one every five days of the war.

If this was correct, and if the average has been maintained, the total should now be 155. Whether it is or not I don't know, nor the most of those who think they do.

SOME FIGURES.

Germany had about 35 submarines built and ready when the war began. If she has lost 100 and possesses 300 it would follow that 165 plus 35, less 25, is the number—175—about the complete since August, 1914—a total of 420. If we assume that Germany began to complete her war programmes of U-boats after six months of hostilities, this would give her the rate of output of nearly 175 boats a year.

There may be some who will regard this as an absurd impossibility, but I

cannot say that I take that view of it. There may not be much likeness between a Ford car and submarine, but seeing that, under normal conditions, the Ford Company turns out a thousand cars a day, I cannot imagine it to be impossible for the German ship-building and engineering industries to turn out a quarter of that number of submarines a year.

And when we have exhausted our speculations as to the enemy's strength for attack, there is the equally perplexing problem of our means for dealing with it. War is a great teacher, but it teaches both sides, and it is quite certain that our "anti-U" men have learned more about destroying than the Germans have about dodging.

It is a great story—even Mr. Noyes has only touched the fringe of it—and while a grand assault by three hundred submarines would doubtless make some sort of return for the money expended on it—even if it were no more than half a crown in the pound it would also provide our drifters and destroyers, our blanks, our dashes, and our queries (in other words, our private and confidential anti-submarine craft) with the busiest, hardest, and most profitable time of their lives.

The usual anti-submarine patrol is deadly monotonous, and it would even things up a bit for those engaged on it to have to deal with a "death or glory" dash of 300 instead of occasional "drifters" of a dozen or so.—P. A. HILLY.

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On Boxing Day, under the auspices of the Hongkong Police Reserve, there is to be a Team and Championship Shoot between the Naval, Military and Police Forces (Regular and Auxiliary) of Hongkong at Stonecutters' Range, commencing at 10 a.m. sharp.

One Team of four men, in which Officers and N.C.O. Officers may be included, will represent each branch of the Service, viz:—H.M.S. Tamar, R.M.L.I. Staff and Departments (Army), R.G.A. R.E., R.S.L.I., H.K.V.C., H.K.V.R., H.K.S.B.R.G.A., 74th Punjab, 18th Infantry, Hongkong Police (European), Naval Yard Police (Indians), Hongkong Police Reserve, Shamen Defence Corps, and European Wardens of Victoria Gaol.

Firing will take place with Service Rifles issued—and as issued—by Government. Competitors must provide their own ammunition. Regulation strings of Government length and pattern, may be used.

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Competitors may fire from any military regulation position. Uniform (that usually worn by the respective units on the Range) must be worn. A Tie in the Championship Shoot will be decided, in accordance with R.A. Rules, and a Tie in the Team Shoot will be decided by firing 3 rounds per man (without sighters) at the 600 yards range. The time allowed to a Competitor within which to fire a shot (except at Snap-shooting and Rapid) is 30 seconds.

TEAMS.

The names of the four members of each Team (together with the name of two members in reserve—six names in all) must be sent to Mr. Jenkins on or before Wednesday, December 20th, at noon.

RANGE DUTIES.

Capt. C. O. Wood, H.K.V.C., will act as Range Officer, the Chief Inspector (Musketry) H. K. Police Reserve (Mr. S. J. Chinnchen) will act as Squadding Officer and will supervise Register-keeping. One Register-keeper should be provided by each of the following:—H.M.S. Tamar, R.G.A. R.E., R.S.L.I., H.K.V.R., and H.K.V.C. The D.S.P. (R) will keep the official scores. The Sergeant-Major R.M.L.I., H.M.S. Tamar, will supervise at the Butts.

TIFFIN.

All Officers of H.M. Forces present on the Range are invited to tiffin with the Superintendents of the Police Reserve. Competitors, and all other persons, who are invited to tiffin on the Range, must be sent to Mr. Jenkins on or before Wednesday, December 20th.

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Dione.....Scratch 4 43 20 4 43 20
Rolls.....1 32 4 41 35 4 41 35
Lioness.....1 32 4 40 58 4 40 58
Aileen.....1 32 4 40 58 4 40 58
Colleen.....1 32 4 40 58 4 40 58
Buccanor.....7 40 4 40 58 4 40 58
Position. Points for race. Points to date.

(1) Bolls 6 6
(2) Dione 5 5
(3) Jessie 5 5
(4) Colleen 4 4
(5) Aileen 4 4
(6) Buccanor 3 3

ONE DESIGN CLASS.
Course:—Channel Rocks (P) Cast Rocks Buoy (P) Kowloon Rock (S) Channel Rocks (S) Distance 7.2 miles.
Yacht. Course. Time. Time.
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Aileen.....Scratch 4 40 11 4 40 11
Bolls.....1 32 4 40 11 4 40 11
Lioness.....1 32 4 40 11 4 40 11
Colleen.....1 32 4 40 11 4 40 11
Buccanor.....1 32 4 40 11 4 40 11
Position. Points for race. Points to date.

(1) Dione 5 5
(2) Aileen 4 4
(3) Bolls 3 3
(4) Lioness 2 2
(5) Buccanor 1 1

HAYWARD HAYS AND GUEL CLASSES.
Course:—Channel Rocks (P) Cast Rocks Buoy (P) Kowloon Rock (S) Channel Rocks (S) Distance 7.7 miles.
Yacht. Course. Time. Time.
M. A. H. M. S. M. A. H. M. S.

Lioness.....Scratch 0 09 11 0 09 11
Owl.....1 32 4 40 11 4 40 11
Dione.....1 32 4 40 11 4 40 11
Lady Guala.....1 32 4 40 11 4 40 11
Taurus.....1 32 4 40 11 4 40 11
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Position. Points for race. Points to date.

(1) Lioness 5 5
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ADMIRAL TIRPITZ.

PAGE OF SECRET HISTORY.

RUTHLESS SUBMARINING.

"I have never seen a Minister whose statements were so untrustworthy,"

Eugen Richter.

The opening of a new German submarine campaign on the American coast, accompanied by the impudent blockade of American ports, gives special importance to the curious chapter of secret history regarding the beginning of the first submarine campaign eighteen months ago (writes Mr. Charles Tower in the "Daily Mail"). The material for this history has only been forthcoming in the last few weeks. The series of frauds whereby Grand Admiral Tirpitz has fooled foreign Powers, the Reichstag, and even German Sovereigns, has at last been disclosed in the "Fatherland."

For most of his trade his Master was equally responsible and equally guilty, for the last fraud, whereby he fell, the Kaiser has at least attempted to share responsibility by abandoning the man who served his intrigues for nearly twenty years and whom he upheld and defended against the well-founded accusations of the Chancellor and a score of party leaders.

THE FALL OF TIRPITZ.

The "secret" history of the fall of Admiral Tirpitz (though it can no longer be called a secret) is as follows:—

When the consent of the Kaiser and the Chancellor was asked by Tirpitz for his famous campaign of ruthless submarine warfare, he was told both by Kaiser and Chancellor that life campaign could only be permitted if there were then in existence enough submarines to make the blockade of England immediately effective. He must be able to starve England out within a few weeks and thus end the war or else to compel her within a few weeks to abandon the semi-blockade of Germany then in force.

Tirpitz was told that a long and slow process of "starving England out" would not be effective for many reasons, and in addition would certainly bring at least one neutral Power into the war against Germany. The Chancellor based his opposition to the scheme not on any questions of humanity but simply on the advice of the Foreign Office and of German representatives in neutral countries.

NOT ENOUGH SUBMARINES.

Now Tirpitz knew that he had not enough submarines then in existence to make the campaign completely effective and to produce the required result speedily. He knew that there would be periods when, owing to loss of submarines and other causes, there would be gaps in the continuity of the so-called submarine blockade. But he believed that if once he could get the necessary permission he could establish a precedent for sinking ships without warning, and then by practically suspending all work in German dockyards except on the construction of submarines, he could in time have ready a force capable of carrying out his design.

He believed that if the opening of the campaign were delayed it would never be put into force at all. British measures against submarines were becoming more effective, and moreover, even at that time he realised that the war could not be won against Britain on land or on the surface of the water. Therefore he lied. He gave as the figure of German submarines then ready or nearing completion a number which is variously stated in the various reports of this matter which have reached Holland from 250 to nearly 550.

It will be remembered that reports of those figures reached England at the time the highest figure quoted being, I believe, 500.

COVERING THE LIE.

Both the Kaiser and the Chancellor and, when it was so consulted, the Federal Council believed that the figure Tirpitz quoted was the actual number of submarines then ready, and they accepted Tirpitz's view that with this number the blockade could be rendered immediately effective.

But while Tirpitz probably did believe that with the number he quoted he could achieve the desired purpose, that number was not then and, if my information is correct, never has been in existence in Germany. Tirpitz quoted as his figure the total number of submarines in existence at the outbreak of war, built since the war, and for whose construction plans were ready at the time he made his statement. Also he made no deduction for losses or for vessels not suited to the purposes of a blockade.

It is believed in Germany that if the German Admiralty had possessed the number of submarines as stated by Tirpitz, then Kaiser and Chancellor would, if necessary, have declined to take President Wilson's protests into account at all. They like "Reventlow," believed and believe that "the sword of the United States has been made of wood." Tirpitz did not get the time he wanted to complete his submarines, and the British Admiralty proved considerably more efficient in dealing with those that there were then.

THE FINEST OFFER.

There was an inquiry, reached in a German report which has reached me, as to whether Tirpitz might be regarded as a "fine" offer.

The Chancellor and the Foreign Secretary were asked to find out what had been said and what they were to do. The answer was that Tirpitz had been told that the Kaiser and the Chancellor would not permit him to sink ships without warning, and that he was to be told that the Kaiser and the Chancellor would not permit him to sink ships without warning.

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THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE SITUATION IN RUMANIA.

GERMANS TAKE CAMPOLUNG.

LONDON, Nov. 30. A German official statement announces the capture of Campolung. On the wooded Carpathians, frontier of Moldavia the Russians continued their attack and gained some advantages. The communiqué claims that the fall of Campolung opens a way across the Toernburg Pass. It also states that 1,217 prisoners and seven guns were captured at Campolung.

RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE.

A Russian official statement says: In the wooded Carpathians we have taken possession of Bukhara height and captured 100 prisoners. A battle is proceeding on the heights east of Kishinit.

Nine hundred prisoners have been taken in the last two days.

The enemy has occupied Komani, which is seventeen miles S.E. of Bukhara.

RUMANIAN COMMUNIQUE.

A Rumanian official announcement says: Violent actions are taking place on the whole north and north-west front.

We progressed in Buzen and Prabhova Valley. Violent actions are proceeding on Glaxacra.

The situation on the southern front is unchanged.

THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Nov. 30. The exodus of the Rumanian Government and the Legations from Bucharest is confirmed.

BOMBING BULGARIAN COAST TOWNS, &c.

LONDON, Nov. 30. The Admiralty announces that Naval (air) squadrons have made daily raids on the Bulgarian coast between November 23rd and 28th. They have bombed Karjani, Dircobit, Angista, and the railway station and camp at Rajolivos. They have machine-gunned troops and considerably damaged an aerodrome at Drama and attacked Poma and Dokambon. Repeated attacks have been made on Drama and Angista with satisfactory results.

All our machines returned safely.

BULGARIA AND RUMANIA.

A PRE-WAR OFFER TO RUMANIA.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 30. In the Bulgarian Parliament the Premier stated that prior to Rumania's entry into the war, Bulgaria offered not to attack if Rumania gave Dobrudja to Bulgaria. Rumania did not reply.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

PARIS, Nov. 30. A communiqué states: There is nothing important to report from the Macedonian front where rain and fog have interfered with the operations. Our aircraft have dropped many bombs on Philip.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Nov. 30. An Italian official statement says: There has been reciprocal artillery firing in Trentino. Our batteries set fire to billets in the Upper Avelio and in Middle Isonzo it caught escaping troops.

There have been numerous air fights. We shot down two aeroplanes in Ango Valley and Sugano Valley.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

ACTIVITY AT GUEDECOURT.

LONDON, Nov. 30. General Sir Douglas Haig reports that enemy machine-gun and rifle fire is active at Guedecourt.

MR. HUGHES AND CONFIDENCE.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 30. The vote of confidence in Mr. Hughes was 100 to 0.

THE GERMAN MASS LEVY BILL.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR ON THE SUBJECT.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 30. Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor, introducing the Mass Levy Bill in the Reichstag said the country's enemies did not yet desire peace. They were much superior numerically. The reasons for the Bill were forged under the incessant fire at the front. He claimed that the German lines were not yet broken but admitted that the result of the Allies' vast supply of shells could be seen on the Somme. He indicated that voluntary means of carrying out the mass levy would be utilised before compulsion was applied.

Speakers generally approved the Bill but a representative of the Socialist minority declared that the party rejected the measure because it deprived the workmen of their right to choose their place of abode. Even if the enemy were in Germany they could not treat the population worse than the Bill proposed. There was great commotion and angry protests.

THE SITUATION IN GREECE.

GREEK WAR MINISTER RESIGNS.

ATHENS, Nov. 30. The War Minister has resigned for reasons of health.

The aged General Hatzopoulos replaces him.

ALLIED MINISTERS AND ORGANISED BANDS.

The Allied Ministers visited the Foreign Minister in connection with Epirus where Greco-Albanian guerrillas are organised to fight the Italian troops. It is stated that the Ministers pointed out that the promise given by the Greek Government to punish officers who organised bands had not been fulfilled, and said Italy demanded the recall and severe punishment of the officers concerned.

BRIXHAM TRAWLERS ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE.

LONDON, Nov. 30. A large enemy submarine attacked the Brixham fishing fleet without warning on the afternoon of the 28th inst. Two trawlers were sunk by gunfire and bombs. A third was disabled and was sinking when last seen. The submarine fired on the boats when the trawlers had been abandoned, but the shells went overhead.

The crews of the three trawlers which were sunk have been landed.

FRENCH VIEWS ON BRITISH NAVAL CHANGES.

PARIS, Nov. 30. The newspapers pay tributes to Admiral Jellicoe's unequalled experience and the mastery in which he has blockaded Germany and say that Admiral Beatty, who is a most popular British sailor, has proved his capability. The hope is expressed that his energy tempered by experience will be manifested by successful initiative.

AMERICA AND FOREIGN INVESTMENTS.

A CAUTION BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. The Federal Reserve Board has issued a statement cautioning the Federal Reserve Banks against looking up funds in Foreign Loans or Treasury Bills.

Nevertheless, it announced that British and French Treasury Notes, ranging from one to six months, will be issued in limited amounts in response to a widespread demand from Banks and investors, but they must not be renewed.

THE SUDAN DISTURBANCES.

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AMERICA AND THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.

A REQUEST TO GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. The United States Government has requested Great Britain and France to reconsider their refusal of safe conduct to Herr Tarnowski, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN FRIENDSHIP.

PETERSBURG, Nov. 30. M. Trepoft, the new Premier, has sent a message to Mr. Asquith saying that the indissoluble friendship of Great Britain and Russia has been strengthened for ever by blood shed in the same cause.

A "BUSINESS CABINET" FOR RUSSIA.

PETERSBURG, Nov. 30. The appointment of M. Rittich as Minister of Agriculture is regarded as a first step towards a Business Cabinet, composed of competent specialists able to work in agreement with the Duma.

DISASTROUS CYCLONE AT PONDICHERY.

MADRAS, Nov. 30. Nearly 300 persons have been killed by a cyclone at Pondichery. Great damage has been done. The city is without light and without telegraph communication.

Relief works have been started.

GOVERNMENT AND THE COAL FIELDS.

ATTITUDE OF THE MINERS.

LONDON, Nov. 30. The South Wales Miners Federation has passed a resolution again demanding a 15% advance in wages, and protesting against State control unless it is applied to all collieries in Great Britain.

THE TROUBLE IN THE TEXTILE TRADE.

LONDON, Nov. 30. The Manchester operative cotton spinners have assured the federation of master cotton-spinners that they will not participate with the cardroomers in their agitation for an immediate advance in wages.

Twenty thousand weavers employed in the district controlled by the federation have been officially informed that the 5% war bonus granted them in January will be transformed into a permanent advance, and a further 5% advance will be granted them from January next.

AUSTRALIAN COAL STRIKE SETTLED.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 30. The coal strike has been settled. The men resume work on December 4th.

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH'S FUNERAL.

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE TO ATTEND.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 30. The German Crown Prince has left Berlin for Vienna to attend the funeral of the Emperor Francis Joseph.

THE OPPRESSION OF BELGIUM.

HAYRE, Nov. 30. Germany is imposing a new tax of £400,000 sterling monthly on Belgium.

EXCESS PROFITS DUTY ON JUTE.

LONDON, Nov. 30. The Board of Referees has increased the statutory percentage for the excess profits duty on the Bengal jute trade from 6% to 7% in the case of companies and from 7% to 8% in the case of private firms.

THE REUTER TELEGRAM CO.

LONDON, Nov. 30. A meeting of shareholders of the Reuter's Telegram Co. unanimously ratified the agreement whereby the Honourable Mark Napier, Lord Glenconner, Lord Peel and Sir Starr Jameson purchased the property and assets of the Company for £550,000.

SUBMARINE PIRACY.

LONDON, Nov. 30. The British steamship King of the Sea, which was captured by a German submarine, has been released.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE CHANGES IN NAVY COMMANDS.

LONDON, Nov. 30. It is understood that Admiral Sir John Jellicoe is already at the Admiralty. When he struck his flag on the Iron Duke the squadron manned ship and cheered him as he left the North Sea.

The imminence of changes has been the gossip of London for some time, in view of the constant press criticisms of the Admiralty. The appointments have evoked general satisfaction as bringing to the Admiralty officers fresh from the sea with a most intimate knowledge of present war problems.

Regret is expressed at Admiral Jellicoe leaving the Fleet, in which he inspired almost unparalleled confidence throughout conditions of incredible difficulty. It is pointed out that the position is somewhat analogous to the transfer of General Sir William Robertson and his colleagues from the front to the War Office. Admiral Jellicoe's previous experience at Whitehall will be most valuable. He had there the reputation of working quietly but getting things done. It is assumed he has been given a free hand to purge the Admiralty of every element of weakness.

The Times declares: "The departments of strategy, intelligence and supply notoriously demand immediate attention. The whole reason of the change is public dissatisfaction at the lack of initiative, ignorance of enemy movements and ill-organized construction."

The newspapers, while anticipating a stronger policy, regard it as unlikely that Admiral Jellicoe has gone to the Admiralty with the idea of inaugurating radical changes in the handling of the Fleet. They point out that the brilliancy and audacity of Vice-Admiral Beatty, which made him a hero to the man in the street, and caused him to be regarded in the Navy as a second Nelson, have been throughout tempered by a judgment and prudence justifying his selection for the arduous post.

There are three Admirals of the Grand Fleet senior to Vice-Admiral Beatty, namely, Admirals Burney, Jerram and Sturdee; hence the promotion of Vice-Admiral Beatty to the rank of full Admiral is expected.

THE WRECKED ZEPPELINS.

THEIR DESTRUCTION GIVES INTENSE JOY.

LONDON, Nov. 30. The news of the destruction of the two Zeppelins in the last raid has been received with intense joy as proving to the Germans the immense improvement in British anti-aircraft defences. The wonderful precision of searchlights and guns is praised.

One raider was hit by the guns five minutes after she was picked up by the searchlights. Thousands of spectators cheered frantically when the blazing monster, visible over 40 miles, fell into the sea.

An eye-witness, describing the frantic efforts of the second Zeppelin to escape, says it was travelling at a tremendous rate at a height of 9,000 feet. As it approached the coast the aeroplanes closed in on it. A ding-dong struggle followed. The raider rose higher, but the airmen hung on to it while the naval guns pelted it shelled it. Suddenly the guns ceased fire. Two aeroplanes were seen alongside the ship, which was speedily alight, then broke in two and plunged seaward. Destroyers and other craft which raced to the scene found only black steam and oil on the surface of the sea.

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THE AEROPLANE VISITATION TO LONDON.

Only a few London people were aware of the aeroplane visitation. Some in the vicinity of the falling bombs paid no heed, thinking the noise was that of motor tyres burning. The machines were a mass of smoke in the sky, and the damage done was of the most trifling description.

THE RUMANIAN SITUATION.

GERMAN CAPTURE OF PITESTI.

LONDON, Nov. 29. A German official message claims the capture of Pitesti, an important railway junction in Rumania.

AN IMPORTANT RAILWAY CENTRE.

Pitesti is an important railway centre. One line runs direct to Bukhara, which is seventy miles south-east. Its occupation means that Campolung would be cut off.

General Mackensen's composite force of Austrians, Germans, Turks and Bulgarians are reported by a Russian communiqué to be nearing Calistopol, twenty miles from Bukhara, and ten miles from the outlying fortifications. The German force is attacking the Danube Ferry at Oltenita, further east, apparently with the intention of further enveloping the Rumanians.

A battle to decide the fate of Bukhara is therefore imminent.

SAFE CONDUCT TO AUSTRIAN MINISTERS REFUSED.

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SUCCESSFUL BRITISH RAID.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports.

The enemy attempted a raid southward of Neuve Chapelle, and also a bombing attack eastward of Cambrai, which were repulsed. We twice carried out successful raids eastward of Ypres, taking prisoners.

EFFECTIVE GRENADE WORK BY THE FRENCH.

PARIS, Nov. 30. An official communiqué says: An attack on one of our posts at Fillemonde was repulsed by grenades. There has been an intermittent cannonade elsewhere, particularly in the Douaumont-Vaux sector.

RUMANIANS REPULSE ATTACKS IN PRABOVA VALLEY.

LONDON, Nov. 30. A Rumanian official message states that on the 29th enemy attacks in the Prabhova Valley were repulsed. The message also records intense artillery work elsewhere. Otherwise, the situation is unchanged.

A GERMAN PROTEST.

CONTEMPT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. Count Bernstorff has presented Mr. Lansing with a Note for transmission to Great Britain protesting against the ejection of German and other Ministers from Athens as "contempt of international law."

THE SOUTH WALES COAL FIELD.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

LONDON, Nov. 30. An official announcement states that the Board of Trade, under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Regulations, assumes, on December 1st, possession of the South Wales coalfield.

The Press Bureau states that the new Defence Regulation empowers the Board of Trade to take possession of any coal mine where it is deemed expedient for the defence of the Realm. The Board of Trade has appointed an Advisory Committee, representing itself, the Home Office, and the Admiralty, to apply the Regulation to South Wales, and will meet forthwith to deal with the question of wages.

ENDS A DANGEROUS DISPUTE.

LONDON, Nov. 30. The Government's control of the South Wales coalfield ends a complicated and dangerous dispute and incidentally brings the coal trade within the scope of the Munitions Act, limiting the owners' profits and restricting the freedom which miners almost alone enjoyed among nationally-important workers. The trouble began on the 10th November, when the Conciliation Board met to consider an application by the men for an increase of 10 per cent. in wages, the owners claiming a reduction of 10 per cent. on the ground of increased cost of production. The men at the outset demanded a joint audit of the cost of production. This the owners refused, and the Board declined to consider the applications. Thereafter the men put the case before the Board of Trade. Meanwhile unrest in the coalfield had been growing with the increase in the cost of living, and a general strike was feared on the 1st December, the date the men had stipulated for the increase in wages. This has been averted by the Government's action.

MINERS AND OWNERS ON THE MEASURE.

Mr. Richards, M.P., Secretary of the South Wales Miners, interviewed, said he was surprised at the Government's action, which would be opposed unless the measure applied to all coal mining. He added that all the Defence of the Realm Regulations would not prevent a strike if the workmen were not treated fairly in the matter of wages.

The Miners' Executive meets today to consider the startling development. Representatives of the owners, interviewed, say they were not prepared for so revolutionary a step, but reserve judgment.

THE RECENT NAVAL RAID.

LONDON, Nov. 30. In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, in reply to criticisms concerning the naval raid of the 29th inst. affirmed that the enemy made off immediately before our ships, which were protecting the Downs, could engage them. The enemy had not entered the channel, and he still hoped the enemy would meet disaster if he did.

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RUSSIA AND BRITAIN.

LONDON, Nov. 29. At a luncheon to inaugurate a new Russo-British Chamber of Commerce, Count Benckendorff, the Russian Minister, said the immediate object of the Allied peoples of Britain and Russia was to win the War, but the present treasure of the union— an understanding of true friendship— must not be wasted. New and lasting bonds must be created. The natural resources of Russia were inexhaustible. The War itself had proved that the wealth and credit of Great Britain were inexhaustible and the co-operation of these two potent factors would benefit both.

Lord Robert Cecil said that an alliance with Russia was not only essential for present purposes but comprised every element of permanency, to the enormous advantage of both. They agreed vitally and essentially in the things that mattered, and in other matters where difference existed they had much to learn from one another. He trusted that their bonds—social, commercial and economic—would shortly become closer.

TURKS REPUDIATE AGREEMENT.

AMERICANS NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE SYRIA.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. Turkey has repudiated an agreement to allow several hundred Americans, including missionaries, to leave Syria, via Jaffa, on the ground that they possess valuable military information. The State Department is annoyed and is making inquiries.

THE COST OF LIVING AT HOME.

The cost of living of the working classes, striking an average, has, according to a Board of Trade statement, increased by 40 to 50 per cent. since July, 1914.

This means to the average working-class family that 21 is now worth only 13s. 4d. The 40 to 50 per cent. includes food, rent, clothing, fuel, light, and miscellaneous expenditure, but disregards increased taxation and assumes that the standard of living has not been modified in view of war conditions.

So far as food only is concerned, the increase is 60 per cent., which means that the sovereign spent on food now will only purchase what 12s. would buy before the war.

Eggs are double the price of July, 1914; meat is 2 1/2 times dearer; fish is twice the price; flour is more than half as much again; sugar is 3 1/2 times as much again; butter is half as much again; cheese is half as much again; milk is nearly half as much again; bacon is half as much again.

During September the average increase was about 2 per cent., but eggs and fish advanced about 10 per cent.

THE WAR'S STAGES.

General Robertson, Chief of the General Staff, speaking at a meeting in London last month said that the Empire ought to be united with the army's achievements. Of course the war was not yet in sight. The war had passed the beginning stage and was now in the middle stage. We should concentrate on this stage and the end would be achieved.

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HAIPHONG	CHUNSANG	TUESDAY, Dec. 5, at 7 a.m.
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